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Ron Friesen
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Dear Ron:

Thank you for your letter of August 11, 2004. The support of the California Stationary Fuel Cell Collaborative (CaSFCC) is critical as we move forward in implementing the Governor's hydrogen vision for the state. It is clear that we will need partners to place a network of stations across the state in a manner that maximizes our resources and reduces risk. The Topic Teams that are developing the content for the California Hydrogen Blueprint Plan are exploring the role of energy stations and distributed generation in the California Hydrogen Highway Network. Those teams need strong support from the CaSFCC in terms of expertise and time in order to fully understand the issues surrounding the use of stationary fuel cells and forming recommendations to the Governor. I appreciate your participation and those of your members to date.

The CaSFCC was specifically identified in Executive Order S-7-04 based on the quality work the organization has produced. I would like to encourage the members of the CaSFCC to form a stronger organization and expand their activities. With additional member resources dedicated to the CaSFCC, perhaps the group could more aggressively address challenges associated with fuel cell distributed generation such as interconnection, net metering and load leveling for the utilities.

Again, thank you for the support of the CaSFCC and I look forward to working with you as we move toward a hydrogen economy in California.

Sincerely,

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